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¶1. FOLLOWING A PUBLIC EXCHANGE OF RECRIMINATORY LETTERS BY PRESIDENTS IZETBEGOVIC AND TUDJMAN (REFS A AND B), THE TWO LEADERS MET IN ZAGREB ON SUNDAY, NOV 1, TO ATTEMPT TO IRON OUT THEIR DIFFERENCES. TELEVISION COVERAGE OF THE START OF THE MEETING SHOWED B-H HDZ LEADER MATE BOBAN NEXT TO IZETBEGOVIC
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ON THE BOSNIAN SIDE OF THE TABLE, ALONG WITH B-H PRESIDENCY ADVISOR HAJRUDIN SOMUN AND SEFKO OMERBASIC, PRESIDENT OF "MESIHATA FOR CROATIA AND SLOVENIA". THE CROATIAN SIDE INCLUDED DEFMIN SUSAK, TUDJMAN CHEF D'CABINET JURE RADIC, AND GEN. SLOBODAN PRALJAK. AFTER LENGTHY MEETINGS EXTENDING INTO SUNDAY EVENING, THE TWO SIDES HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT POINTS, WHICH WERE MADE PUBLIC NOV 2.

¶2. IZETBEGOVIC AND TUDJMAN CALLED FOR AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE FIGHTING BETWEEN B-H AND HVO FORCES "BECAUSE IT HARMS THE COMMON STRUGGLE AGAINST SERBIAN/MONTENEGRIN EXTREMIST FORCES." THOSE GUILTY OF INSTIGATING THE B-H/CROAT CONFLICT WERE TO BE REMOVED AND PUNISHED. A JOINT COMMISSION IS TO BE FORMED TO INVESTIGATE THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE CONFLICT. THE TWO LEADERS AGAIN CALLED FOR THE FORMATION OF A JOINT COMMAND FOR B-H AND HVO FORCES. THEY ANNOUNCED THAT WORK WOULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY IN THE JOINT COMMISSION ON INTER-STATE AND MILITARY COOPERATION, TO WHICH BOTH SIDES HAVE NOW NAMED THEIR REPRESENTATIVES. IZETBEGOVIC PROMISED TO NOMINATE A B-H AMBASSADOR TO CROATIA NEXT WEEK AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ESTABLISHING EMBASSIES TO HELP RESOLVE PROBLEMS.

¶3. THE PRESIDENTS CONDEMNED STEPS TAKEN BY THE SO-CALLED "REPUBLIC OF KRAJINA" IN CROATIA AND THE SO-CALLED "SERBIAN REPUBLIC" IN B-H TO FORM A POLITICAL UNION. THEY TERMED IT A NEW ACT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST TWO SOVEREIGN AND INTERNATIONALLY UNCLASSIFIED

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RECOGNIZED STATES (B-H AND CROATIA) AND CONDEMNED IT AS A DIRECT CRIMINAL ACT AGAINST PEACE WHICH VIOLATES THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER AND THE PRINCIPLE OF THE SANCTITY OF BORDERS. THEY WELCOMED THE UN DECISION

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ON FORMATION OF A WAR CRIMES COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.

¶4. THE TWO PRESIDENTS SUPPORTED, IN PRINCIPLE, THE DRAFT B-H CONSTITUTION UNVEILED LAST WEEK AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. THEY INSISTED THAT THE FINAL TEXT SHOULD ENSURE THE LEGITIMATE INTERESTS AND EQUALITY OF THE MUSLIM AND CROATIAN PEOPLES IN B-H. FINALLY, THEY PLEDGED TO MAKE A MAXIMUM EFFORT TO INCLUDE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SERBIAN PEOPLE IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS OF FORMING A FUTURE B-H.

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¶5. IZETBEGOVIC TOLD TUDJMAN THE B-H GOVERNMENT WAS TO BE RESHUFFLED AND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER'S POSITION WOULD BE RESERVED FOR A BOSNIAN CROAT FROM THE CROATIAN DEMOCRATIC UNION (HDZ). BOBAN FORMALLY NOMINATED MIRO LASIC AS THE HDZ REPRESENTATIVE IN THE B-H COLLECTIVE PRESIDENCY.

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POSTSCRIPT: CROATIAN POSITION ON B-H TERR'L INTEGRITY

16. FOLLOWING OCT 30 CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT TUDJMAN REPORTED REF C, TUDJMAN MET WITH VANCE AND OWEN, AFTER WHICH HE DECLARED, ONCE AGAIN, THAT "WE RECOGNIZED BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA AS A SOVEREIGN STATE. THE PROBLEM OF CONFLICT THERE MUST BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY BY MUSLIMS AND CROATS THEMSELVES." HE ADDED THAT "THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA IS VITALLY INTERESTED THAT PEACE IS ESTABLISHED IMMEDIATELY IN THIS NEIGHBORING STATE."

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